

Rev. Elias Hill is the most remarkable man in South Carolina. He is a pure black and was born near Clay Hill, York district, in 1819, of slave parentage. When but seven years of age, to use his own words, he became afflicted; that is, rheumatism, from which he had been a chronic sufferer from infancy, so contracted his lower limbs that he was unable to walk. From that time 1826 to the present the contraction has continued, and in turn attacked all his limbs. His legs now resemble more the talons of a large bird's than anything else, while his arms are so deformed and his fingers so contracted that he has almost entirely lost the use of both. His upper and lower jaws are as tightly clinched together, and to enable him to receive his food his front teeth have been extracted. He is utterly unable to either walk or crawl, and he is carried in every instance by his friends. With all this hideous deformity he has a massive, intellectual head, a clear, sonorous voice, and an intelligent, eagle-like expression. When sixteen years of age he began self education. From passing school children he picked up occasional letters of the alphabet until he finally mastered that elementary study. Then he understood reading and writing, and succeeded in both. His first lessons were conned from the bible, and possessing all the natural fervidness of his race, he became deeply impressed with its teachings, and early began the teachings of the gospel. Three different times he has been compelled to change his manner of writing. At first he was able to hold his pen in the use of ordinary way; next he was obliged to use his fore fingers and was obliged to grasp the pen with all his fingers knotted in a bunch around it. The process of contraction continuing, in his fifty-first year he has the power only of folding his hand around the pen and of scribbling thus the best he can. With all his limited opportunities he compares favorably with any man in the state. Contrasted with General Wade Hampton or any other Southern leader he is a marvel. They have trod the most widely divergent paths—the one the descendants, and heir of an aristocratic line reaching back for centuries, raised in luxury and afforded the best educational facilities of the land—the other, a poor negro, the son of ignorant parents, raised in a miserable log cabin, and shut out of all opportunity for intellectual development. However, in all York county, its legal and medical professions included, there are not a dozen nobler men than old Elias. He is a leader among his people. Educated, eloquent and withal deformed until he is almost a monstrosity, he has impressed them with a superstitious reverence, and is implicitly followed and obeyed. And yet the old man, who is unable to raise himself from the ground, who cannot crawl a foot, this poor creature has felt the murderous lash of the Ku-Klux, and has had their halter on his neck and been maltreated almost to death. On the fifth of May last a band of disguised men came to his cabin, drove away a small boy who attended him, and after destroying all his books and paper, more valuable to him than his life and after God himself worshipped, took him away, gave him some twenty or thirty lumps, and with a halter around his neck and a pistol pointed at his head, extorted promise from him that on the following week he would renounce, through the columns of the *Yorkville Inquirer*, his Republican principles. At the time the Ku-Klux whipped the old man they charged him with having preached political sermons, with having inflamed the passions of the negro congregation over which he presided, of having incited incendiarianism, and having been president and organizer of the Union League in York county. All these charges except the last, the old man emphatically was guiltless of. His religion, he says, was universal love and universal worship to God. His heart overflows the kindness to all men, and poor cripple as he is, with his body still smarting from the blows and lash, he has no resentment against the men who maltreated him. The visit of the congressional committee to Yorkville he hopes will result only in a restoration of peace, and not in the punishment of any one. He himself has been corresponding with the American Colonization Society, and proposes immigration in November next, with some seventy-five or eighty families of his flock, to Liberia. He is fully convinced that the white men of South Carolina and the other Southern States will not allow the negro to live in peace or enjoy the fruits of his labor while he votes with the Republican party.

I remonstrated with Hill for leaving the United States just at this time, when this new life was opened to them, and when the West offered so much to industrious agriculturists. The old man replied that the negro was acclimated to the South; that he was trained to the cultivation of cotton and corn alone, and that he believed that nowhere else in the world save Liberia had he a free and full opportunity under his normal conditions to develop into a full and vigorous manhood. That as much as he loved the United States, which he cherished as his own native land, he felt a pride and an interest in the rising young negro republic; that he desired to see the United States of Africa arise, and that he had determined to co-operate in the attainment of that object. I was surprised at the full investigation Hill had made. Every congressional and State document on the subject of the lands of the West and South, and the homestead and pre-emption laws, he had digested in his mind, and, after this full investigation, Africa was his choice. There the lands were rich. Cotton could be grown and free schools could be had. There was no animosity or prejudice against his race, and the soil was his by right of occupation. No argument of mine could change the old man's determination. He is an enthusiastic lover of his race. He has proven "by himself what it is capable of, and although he is an exception, he himself clings to the belief that he is only an average man; that the high schools and books and newspapers the children of his color here, naked and dirty as they are, may become educated, intelligent, self-reliant beings, model citizens of any country.

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